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In re Application of:

Per Hammarlund, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
SELECTIVELY TO ADVANCE A  
WRITE POINTER FOR A QUEUE  
BASED ON THE INDICATED  
VALIDITY OR INVALIDITY OF  
AN INSTRUCTION STORED  
WITHIN THE QUEUE  
(As Amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.